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Patent Attorney Docket No. <u>033818-049</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Pat	ent Application of) REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 -) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -				
Noël MOREL)		TECHNOLOGY CENTER				
Application No.: 09/845,904		Group Art Unit: 1733				
Filed: I	December 31, 2002	Examiner: Geoffrey L. Knable				
For: RUBBER ARTICLE WITH A JUNCTION BETWEEN TWO RUBBER MIXES		Confirmation No.: 3706				
	AMENDMENT/REPLY TR	ANSMITTAL LETTER				
P.O. Bo	sioner for Patents x 1450 ria, VA 22313-1450					
Sir:						
Enc	Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.					
[]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.					
[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.					
[•]	Also enclosed is/are Revocation/New Power of Attorney					
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.					
[]	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).					
	[] Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.					
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted requested.	_, on, for which continued examination is				
	does not exceed three months from t	action by the Office until at least, which the filing of this RCE, in accordance with				

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[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
[√]	No additional claim fee is required.
f 1	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	6	MINUS 20 =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =		× \$86.00 (1201) =	
If Amendment adds mu	ltiple depend	ent claims, add \$290	0.00 (1203)		
Total Claim Amendmen	nt Fee				
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					

[]	A check in the amou	ınt of \$	is enclosed for the fee due.
гı	Charge \$	to Deposit Account N	lo. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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